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SUBJECT: CALL ON SECRETARY KREPS BY SOVIET TRADE REPRESENT-
ATIVE MKRTUMOV

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1. SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE MKRTUMOV CALLED ON SECRETARY KREPS AT HIS REQUEST ON APRIL 11. HE STATED THAT HE WANTED PERSONALLY TO INFORM THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE OF AFFAIRS CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING, AND PROCEEDED TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL. MKRTUMOV NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED BACK FOR CONSULTATION WITH MINISTER PATOLICHEV ON SHORT NOTICE AND WAS, IN FACT, LEAVING FOR MOSCOW THE FOLLOWING DAY. HE ASSUMED THAT THE
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CONSULTATIONS WERE CONNECTED WITH THE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETING.

2. MR. MKRTUMOV STRESSED THE VALUE HIS MINISTRY HAS ALWAYS PLACED ON THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT. SECRETARY KREPS EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE PROSPECT OF WELCOMING MINISTER PATOLICHEV TO THE UNITED

STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND OF CONTINUING THE LONG STAND-

ING TRADITION OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

3. SECRETARY KREPS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE CONTINUED
PROGRESS IN THE AREA OF US-SOVIET BUSINESS FACILITATION,
PARTICULARLY THE RECENT ACCREDITATION OF THREE ADDITIONAL
US BUSINESS FIRMS. MR. MKRTUMOV RESPONDED BY REFERRING
TO THE FORTHCOMING ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVIET TRACTOROEX-
PORT SUBSIDIARY IN THE UNITED STATES. HE POINTED OUT,
HOWEVER, THAT A LONGSTANDING SOVIET REQUEST FOR A
LICENSINTORG JOINT-STOCK COMPANY IN THE US, WHICH THE
SOVIETS HAD FIRST MADE TWO YEARS AGO, WAS STILL WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE. HE STATED THAT LICENSINTORG HAD
RESPONDED IN DETAIL TO A NUMBER OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS BY
THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT A POSITIVE
DECISION WOULD SOON BE FORTHCOMING.

4. IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S QUESTION CONCERNING ANY
SPECIAL TOPICS UNDER THE AGENDA TRANSMITTED REFTTEL,
MKRTUMOV MENTIONED SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT CREDITS, PARTICULARLY
HIGHER INTEREST RATES CHARGED BY U.S. BANKS COMPARED
TO THOSE OF WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN. MKRTUMOV ALSO
REFERRED TO SOVIET DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR
MEMBERS OF SOVIET COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED
STATES, WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN RAISED AT THE
FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION. DAS DOWNEY POINTED OUT
THAT THIS WAS PART OF A LARGER QUESTION WHICH ALSO
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INCLUDED MULTIPLE ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS FOR ALL US FIRMS
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE USSR AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES IN
THE UNITED STATES, ON WHICH A US PROPOSAL HAD BEEN SUB-
MITTED QUITE SOME TIME AGO BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
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